

BBH Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

November 10, 2010 6:30pm-8:00pm

Bitter Lake Community Center

ATTENDEES

NAC Members: Dan Stern, Darryl Bennett, Edmond Ryan, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Greg Brotherton, Jeff Vander Giessen, Joseph Monda, Josh Freedman, Pat McCoy, Richard Dyksterhuis, Rick Barrett, Susan Eastman Jensen, Wayne Parks.

Public Members: Richard Min (Aurora Merchants), Ruth Sinton (Four Freedoms), Shawn MacPherson (Haller Lake Community Club), Jesus Rodriguez (Planning Outreach Liaison).

City Staff: Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), Kerry Wade (DON), Julia Salinas (DON), Eryn Hicker (DON), Veronica Sherman King (DON), Laurie Ames (DON), Glenn Harris (SOCR)

OVERVIEW

The goal of November 2010 BBH-NAC meeting was to begin city department overviews and use this information to help frame the structure through which we will accomplish our work.

The topics discussed included:

- Overview of the Neighborhood Matching Fund
- Overview of the Race and Social Justice Initiative
- Overview of the Planning Outreach Liaison's model

Meeting Notes

- New NAC member, Darryl Bennett was introduced
- Greg Brotherton, NAC Member, provided the "Neighborhood Issues Report". He shed light on what he would like to see happen at the triangular space on the Interurban Greenway: a rollercoaster car from the old Playland Amusement Park placed there.
- Background information and an overview on the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) was provided by Laurie Ames (DON). The Matching Fund is about community building. Applications can be presented to DON for (a) Small Sparks application - up to \$1,000, no deadlines; (b) Small and Simple Projects Fund - up to \$20,000, three deadlines in 2011 with next one due on Jan. 18th; (c) Large Projects Fund – up to \$100,000, Letter of Intent due in February and the application in April.

Some of the discussions were on how funding decisions are made and what constitutes the community's match. The NAC suggested that DON provide NMF information at community meetings and events.

- Presentation on the Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) that guides the City's activities towards undoing institutionalized racism in City government was provided by Glenn Harris from the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR). From the four areas of RSJI, "Inclusive Outreach in Public Engagement" would have immediate relevancy to the Neighborhood Planning Update process NAC that engaged in. The other three include Workforce Equity, Contracting Equity, and Immigrant & Refugee Access to City Services.

The NAC was interested in getting progress report on the City's success in meeting its contracting equity goals. Also, Glenn was asked to come back sometime in the future and provide a presentation to the Bitter Lake community on RSJI.

- Background overview on the Planning Outreach Liaison (POL) model for community outreach and engagement process was provided by Kerry Wade (DON). The discussion included what constitutes historically underrepresented communities in civic engagement, and subcontracting with the POLs to provide culturally appropriate outreach and engagements. Reference was also made to core values that guide the model. Jesus Rodriguez, POL to the Spanish speaking communities, briefed the NAC on his experience.

Follow up discussion included examples of inputs from historically underrepresented community meetings that may have been unique or stand out in the 2009 Neighborhood Planning Update (NPU), and the number of participants; partnering with NAC members in sharing information and doing outreach; and identifying the stakeholders in the NPU area.

- Guest attendee, Ruth Sinton, shared with the group that residents of Four Freedoms Apartments are multilingual and multicultural. It was noted that special attention should be given to provide culturally appropriate outreach and engagement to these residents.